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TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

In keeping with our mission to "improve safety by increasing public awareness about fire hazards, public safety codes and fire prevention while also enhancing firefighting and emergency response capabilities to local communities", the Office of the State Fire Marshal is meeting the challenge.

As you read this report you will see that we have had a very successful year.

In order to fully succeed in our efforts we have been working on an Information Technology initiative we call "Phoenix"; its purpose is to stabilize and standardize the agency network. As part of this initiative, several goals were reached in 2009 including: improvements to servers which enhance the system availability and disaster recovery capabilities, implementing an Intranet Sharepoint server, improvements to our WAN bandwidth, and we are very close to implementing our Document Management portion of the project. All of these upgrades are integral to direct communication with the fire service and will greatly improve productivity among office and field staff by reducing paper submissions.

The fire service and citizens of Illinois continue to benefit from our programs. Just to mention a few of these: In 2009, \$950,000 was dispersed to local fire departments and districts for costs related to training; our Arson division continues to work closely with local, state, and federal fire and law enforcement agencies in dealing with the arson problem, which resulted in 102 arson arrests this past year; elevators and conveyances, boilers, and petroleum storage tanks are being inspected; we are active in the Homeland Security arena working with various agencies; and building and petroleum storage site plan reviews are offered free of charge to the fire service and the general public alike for regulated occupancies. In addition, our Public Education programs are successful and expanding as you will see in this report.

My dedicated staff works diligently in their efforts toward fulfilling all of our initiatives; we are meeting our federal and state mandates and serving the public in the State of Illinois.

These accomplishments and others at OSFM would not have been possible without the support and commitment of the Governor's Office and the members of the General Assembly. On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, I would like to thank you and commend your efforts.

I would respectfully ask that you accept this submission of the Annual Report for the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal for the year 2009.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence T. Matkaitis".

Lawrence T. Matkaitis
Illinois State Fire Marshal

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Arson Investigation

The mission of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Division of Arson Investigation, is to provide fire investigation and law enforcement services to the fire service and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Illinois through complete and thorough investigations, evidence collection, and professional expert testimony in court proceedings.

The Division is responsible for investigating suspicious fires and explosions and providing fire and explosion origin and cause investigations when requested by the fire service and law enforcement agencies throughout the State. Nationally, arson (and suspected arson) is the primary cause of property damage due to fire in the United States, and the second leading cause of fire deaths. To combat this serious problem, certified investigators respond to assist fire departments, law enforcement agencies, communities, and state and federal agencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via a 24-hour, toll free Arson Hotline number (800) 252-2947. When the requesting agency calls the hotline, they are immediately connected with an arson duty investigator who has authority to dispatch an Arson Investigator anywhere in the State, any-time day or night.

Arson Investigators are sworn Peace Officers authorized to conduct fire and/or explosion origin and cause investigations, interview witnesses and/or suspects, conduct follow-up investigations, execute search warrants and arrest warrants, collect evidence, make arrests, and testify in court.

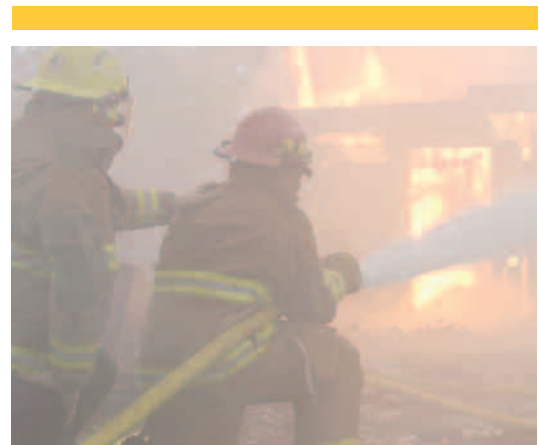
Also available are seven canine teams consisting of a certified Arson Investigator and a certified ignitable liquid detecting canine. Canines can detect minute traces of ignitable liquids often used in fires and can lead investigators to a specific location where physical samples can be secured, analyzed, and confirmed by special laboratories.

Arson Investigators and canine teams investigate over a thousand fires each year. Together with federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies, many arsonists are arrested annually. Their service to the State is invaluable, especially in the rural areas where fire departments do not have certified fire and/or arson investigators.

The Division's Arson Investigators attend many hours of continuing education classes and seminars each year to increase their knowledge and expertise of fire investigation and law enforcement training.

Highlights

- The Division of Arson Investigation consists of 20 personnel; including the Division Director, 2 Administrative Assistants and front line field staff consisting of 17 certified arson investigators.
- There were 1,247 investigations conducted by Division investigators during 2009, a decrease of 14.4 percent from 2008. There were 1,095 structure fires (87.8%), 119 vehicles (9.5%), 30 (2.4%) other fires, and 3 (0.2%) miscellaneous fires investigated.
- Investigations conducted in 2009 resulted in the total of 102 arrests; 94 adult and 8 juvenile suspects, while clearing 81 cases for the year. This resulted in a 14.2 percent decrease of arrests made in 2008.
- Inquiries regarding juvenile fire setters are referred to the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Helpline number (847) 400-4864. The Division of Arson Investigation had five personnel trained and certified as Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialists in 2009. The Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program is administered by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.
- Arson Investigators continue to receive professional development training that will enhance their knowledge and skills



in new trends, technology, and investigative techniques. Advanced investigation classes were hosted by OSFM and attended by Division investigators and other investigators from Illinois and throughout the nation.

- The Division's web site continues to expand to provide valuable information to other agencies and to the general public.
- The Certified Fire/Arson Investigator Recertification criteria was adopted and implemented in July 2007, and the Division continues to assist with inquiries and assistance relating to the recertification criteria.
- The Division continues to work with interns and Ride-Along participants to provide a hands-on working knowledge of the Division and its function and role in the investigation of arsons throughout Illinois.

Canines

In 2009, there were 303 canine assisted cases, which represented approximately 25 percent of the cases initiated by Division investigators. These canines are specifically trained to detect minute traces of accelerants that may be used in arson fires. There are currently seven OSFM certified accelerant detecting canine teams located in Illinois.

Incidents

During 2009, the Division investigated 1,247 cases. Of those cases, 357 were determined to be incendiary, 203 were determined accidental, 523 were listed as undetermined or still under investigation and one as having a natural cause. The remaining 163 cases were provided technical assistance only and a cause and origin investigation was not provided.

- Investigations conducted in 2009 resulted in the arrest of 102 suspects.
- The Agency works closely with local, state, and federal fire and law enforcement agencies, and the courts, in dealing with the arson problem.
- Fire departments in Illinois responded to 47,637 reported fire incidents in 2008. (Illinois NFIRS Data, 1/10)
- There was an estimated \$3.8 million in property damage in Illinois in 2008. (Illinois NFIRS Data, 1/10)

This data represents incidents reported by Illinois Fire Departments to the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal cannot guarantee the completeness or accuracy of this data.

Arson Fact Sheet

(Source: Fire Loss in the United States During 2008 NFPA, 8/09)

- U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,451,500 fires in 2007, a decrease of 6.8% from the year before.
- 515,000 fires occurred in structures, a decrease of 3%.
- 403,000 fires or 78% of all structure fires occurred in residential properties.
- 236,000 fires occurred in vehicles, a decrease of 8.5% from the year before.
- 700,500 fires occurred in outside properties, a decrease of 8.9%.
- What do these fire frequencies above mean? Every 22 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the nation. A fire occurs in a structure at the rate of 1 every 61 seconds, and in particular a residential fire occurs every 78 seconds. Fires occur in vehicles at the rate of 1 every 134 seconds, and there's a fire in an outside property every 45 seconds.
- 3,320 civilian fire deaths occurred in 2008, an increase of 3.2%.
- About 83% of all fire deaths occurred in the home.



- Nationwide, there was a civilian fire death every 158 minutes and a civilian fire injury every 31 minutes in 2008.
- An estimated 30,500 intentionally set structure fires occurred in 2008, a decrease of 6.2% from a year ago.
- These intentionally set structure fires resulted in an estimated 315 civilian deaths, an increase of 6.8%.
- Intentionally set structure fires also resulted in \$866 million in property loss, an increase of 18.2%.
- Also in 2008, there were an estimated 17,500 intentionally set vehicle fires, and caused \$139 million in property damage, a decrease of 4.1% from a year ago. ■

Boiler Division

Boilers are used to heat schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and other public and private buildings. All are inspected to prevent accidents caused by explosions. Pressure vessels are routinely inspected in manufacturing facilities, chemical plants, and at other vital locations which fuel the Illinois economy. Inspections identify hazards and provide an opportunity for repair and measures to ensure public safety.

The Division of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety regulates the construction, installation, repair, use, and operation of boilers and pressure vessels as mandated by the Illinois Boiler Safety Act. The Division's main responsibility is conducting in-service inspections of pressure equipment. Currently, there are **97,768** active boilers and pressure vessels in this program which require inspection at different intervals. Professional safety inspections are performed on boilers and pressure vessels in schools, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, office buildings, places of public assembly, retail, apartment buildings, manufacturing facilities, utility plants, refineries, chemical plants, and any other type of location in Illinois where pressure equipment is utilized.

Highlights

- Performed **46,938** boiler and pressure vessel inspections.
- Wrote **2,260** violations for corrective action.
- Conducted **30** audits and joint reviews for Owner-User Organization and "R" Stamp Holders.
- Issued **285** Illinois Certificates of Competency to Inspectors.
- Issued **247** permits to Authorized Repair Organizations.

- Collected **\$4.2 million** in Boiler and Pressure Vessel Fees.
- Conducted **387** hours of technical training for Boiler Safety Specialists.

Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Act

Another area of responsibility is the administration of the Illinois Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Act. There are a total of **155** companies authorized under this Act to perform repairs and alterations to pressure equipment. These companies are required to be audited every three years under this program. The Division conducted **30** audits during 2009 to ensure licensed repair companies were complying with rules and regulations as prescribed by the Repairer Act.

Boiler Fees

During 2009, the Division had receipts of **\$4.2 million** for inspections, certificates, repair licenses, commissions, and auditing fees.

Inspections

This joint government/industry inspection program is an effective partnership. During 2009, a total of **46,938** inspections were conducted. OSFM Boiler Safety Specialists performed **24,479** inspections while insurance



company inspectors performed **22,459** inspections. Inspectors reported **2,260** violations, which required corrective action. ■

Elevator Safety Division

PA92-0873, cited as the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act, was originally created and approved by the Illinois General Assembly on January 3, 2003, in order to provide for public safety and awareness in relation to conveyances located within the State of Illinois. The Act requires that the design, construction, operation, inspection, testing, maintenance, alteration and repair of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, moving sidewalks, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, and automated people conveyances are in accordance with all applicable statutes and rules. The Office of the State Fire Marshal is named as the administrator of the program, responsible for ensuring enforcement.

The Elevator Safety Review Board was also created by Public Act 92-0873 to adopt rules consistent with the provisions of the Act and for the administration and enforcement of the Act. The Board has the authority to grant exceptions and variances, hear appeals, hold hearings, establish fee schedules, and authorize all licensing.

Since its inception PA 92-0873, the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act, has been amended on four occasions -- PA 95-0573, which refined the Act, and PA 095-0767, which moved mandated conveyance upgrade compliance to 2013 from 2009 and 2011, were signed on July 29, 2008. PA 96-0054 updated the Act and moved compliance dates to 2015. This was signed on July 23, 2009. PA 96-0342, which removed special purpose personnel elevators within the scope of ASME A17.1, and used only by authorized personnel from the Act, was signed on August 11, 2009.

Financial

Receipts for the period
1/1/2009 thru 12/31/2009
.....\$1,292,392.12
9,914 invoices were sent out for the period
1/1/2009 thru 12/31/2009
.....\$1,247,375.00

Division Complement

The processing of Certificates of Operation was transferred to the Chicago Office in May, 2009. Registrations are still being processed out of the Springfield Office. The amount is

Activities within the Division for 2009

Registrations, Permits, Certificates of Operation and Licensing for Calendar Year 2009

	Total	Total 2009		State	Other
Conveyance Registrations	30,687	7,581		11,975	18,712
Permits	1,117	470			
Certificates of Operation	6,928	5,923			
Licenses	3,006	1,537 (New & Renewed)			
License Break down:					
	Total	Active	Expired	Withdrawn	New
Contractors	100	87	13		
Limited Contractors	10	5	4	1	
Inspectors	209	184	12	3	10
Inspection Companies	43	40			3
Mechanics	1,872	1,568	238	59	7
Limited Mechanics	25	21	3	1	
Apprentices	841	714		100	27

173 Municipalities have signed an agreement with the OSFM indicating that they will continue to run their own elevator program and adopt the codes and rules used by the Elevator Safety Division of the OSFM – up 29 from 2008.



now about 30 per week, so we are probably very near the end of the conveyance registration process; licensing is handled out of the Chicago Office. ■

Fire Prevention Division

The Division of Fire Prevention, by legislative mandate, is charged with ensuring that no building endangers persons or property by reason of faulty construction, age, lack of repair, or any other cause that would make it especially liable to fire. Under authority granted in 425 ILCS 25 the Division conducts fire safety inspections in accordance with the applicable laws and administrative rules adopted to ensure such fire safety. These inspections primarily concentrate on state-owned or regulated facilities including day care centers and group day care homes as required by the Department of Children and Family Services, residential facility programs at the request of the Department of Human Services, correctional centers in accordance with an interagency agreement with the Department of Corrections, Public Schools in cooperation with the Illinois State Board of education, race tracks as required by the Illinois Racing Board, permanently moored gaming facilities regulated by the Illinois Gaming Board, and telecommunications

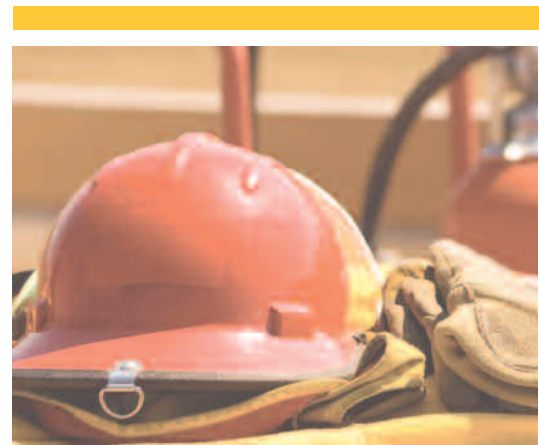
switching offices as prescribed by administrative rule. Enforcement also ensures compliance with regulations pertaining to LP-gas tanks if larger than 2,000 gallons in capacity or at any installation intended for purposes of dispensing LP-gas, and inspection of above-ground bulk and dispensing tank installations.

The Division also concentrates its efforts on certain "target" hazards including the inspection of state and county fairgrounds; hotel/motel occupancies; and any occupancy where a fire hazard has been reported by the local fire authority or the general public. The *Life Safety Code*®, published by the National Fire Protection Association, has been adopted as Illinois' rules for fire prevention and safety and serves as the primary enforcement tool of the Division of Fire Prevention when conducting building inspections. Separate administrative code sections are applicable to volatile liquid storage, handling and storage of liquefied petroleum gases, furniture fire safety regulation, and fireworks storage.

Highlights

■ Continued statewide enforcement of Illinois' administrative rules pertaining to fire safety. The Division continued enforcement of the 2000 edition of the National Fire Protection Association's *Life Safety Code*® as the statewide rules for fire prevention.

- Conducted 11,357 on-site inspections at facilities including public and private schools, day care centers, day care homes, residential board and care homes, community integrated living arrangements, hotel/motels, places of public assembly, above-ground storage tank installation sites, and state owned/operated buildings including correctional centers.
- Continued the practice of conducting fire prevention inspections at the Illinois State and DuQuoin State Fairs to ensure fire safety compliance at exhibits, concession stands, tents and special events during the fairs.
- Conducted a survey of Illinois' hospitals to determine the number and nature of injuries sustained in fireworks accidents during a four-week period that include the Fourth of July holiday.
- Continued the regulation of Pyrotechnic Distributors and Operators as required by the amended Fireworks Use Act (425 ILCS 35) and the Pyrotechnic Distributor and Operator Licensing Act (225 ILCS 227). At the end of 2009, the Agency has processed applications and provided licenses for 35 companies (Distributor licenses) and 519 Operator licenses.



- Continued the regulation of the Sprinkler Contractor Licensing program which requires all Sprinkler Contractors to be licensed by the Agency in order to do business in the state of Illinois; at the end of 2009 there were 229 licensed contractors.
- Continued the regulation of the State's fire equipment contractors and their employees in accordance with the *Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act*. At the close of 2009, the Agency licensed 193 companies and over 892 employees for purposes of performing fire equipment installation and service in Illinois.
- Provided approximately 2,500 hours of training for Division of Fire Prevention personnel relative to the application of the National Fire Protection Association's *Life Safety Code*® as well as other laws and rules adopted and enforced by the Division including computer skills and usage.

Fire Equipment Distributor & Employee Regulation

The Division has responsibility for the enforcement of the *Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act*. This Act, and

the resulting administrative rules applied by the Division of Fire Prevention, requires the licensing of all companies and their employees providing fire equipment installation or service work in Illinois. While not applicable to fire sprinkler systems, the rules and subsequent enforcement do concentrate on the work done recharging and inspecting portable fire extinguishers as well as the installation and servicing of fixed chemical fire suppression systems including those protecting cooking surfaces in commercial establishments.

Currently, the Agency licenses close to 193 companies and 892 employees for purposes of performing fire equipment installation and service in Illinois in accordance with the Act and subsequently developed administrative rules.

Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Regulation

The Division of Fire Prevention issues licenses for fire sprinkler contractors performing work in Illinois. Illinois requires any person, partnership, corporation or other business entity that installs or repairs any fire sprinkler system in Illinois to be licensed by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. The Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act [225 ILCS 317/1 et seq.] establishes the minimum standards

for licensure of fire sprinkler installation contractors for the purpose of protecting the public health and general welfare of the citizens of Illinois. At the end of 2009, the Agency has issued 229 licenses.

Pyrotechnic Distributor & Operator Licensing Regulation

The Division processes applications for Pyrotechnic Distributors and Operators as required by the amended Fireworks Use Act (425 ILCS 35) and the Pyrotechnic Distributor and Operator Licensing Act (225 ILCS 227), effective January 1, 2006.

Pursuant to the Fireworks Use Act, no person may act as a consumer distributor or retailer, or advertise or use any title implying that the person is a consumer distributor or retailer unless registered with the Office of the State Fire Marshal ("OSFM"). No consumer fireworks may be distributed, sold, transferred, or provided free of charge to an individual who has not been issued a permit in accordance with the Act or has not registered with the OSFM.

To date the agency has processed applications and provided licenses for 35 companies (Distributor licenses) and 509 Operator licenses.



Fireworks Safety

In June 2009, the Division of Fire Prevention requested data from 328 hospitals within the State to determine various facts about injuries associated with fireworks occurring during a four-week time period, which included the July 4th holiday.

The number of responding hospitals is down from last year's 22% to 64 (20%) respondents. Of the 64 hospitals responding to our survey, 17 (5%) had no fireworks related injuries during the time period of June 23 through July 20, 2009.

There were 96 persons injured by fireworks this year. Injuries to males were 55 (57%) and to females were 41 (43%), leaving unknown at 1 (1%).

Firecrackers were the type of firework causing the highest number of injuries at (21%).

Injuries affecting the fingers and hands were the highest percent this year, with a combined total of 44%. The second highest body part affected by fireworks were eye injuries, this year at 14%. Burns were the leading type of injury at 61%.

Furniture Fire Safety Act

Responsibility for enforcement of the *Furniture Fire Safety Act* is also within the purview

of the Division of Fire Prevention. The Act, and subsequently promulgated administrative rules enforced by the Division regulate the manufacturing, sale and use of upholstered seating furniture in specific occupancies including day care centers, prisons, hotels/motels, health care facilities, and public assembly occupancies. The combination of upholstered furniture and the careless use of smoking materials have been identified as the cause of several past fatal fires.

Inspections

Fire Prevention inspectors conducted a total of 11,357 inspections in 2009. These inspections protect the public by uncovering building and fire safety hazards before tragedy strikes.

State & County Fairs

The Division continued its practice of conducting inspections at the Illinois State Fair and the DuQuoin State Fair. During the Illinois State Fair, Division of Fire Prevention inspectors conducted fire inspections at buildings, exhibits, concession areas and tents prior to, and during the fair. These inspections focused on public assembly areas, beer tents, livestock barns and the grandstand coliseum. Inspectors also checked the fireworks display area and grandstand stage area before and during each show. Sites were inspected

and re-inspected before and during the fair. The Springfield State Fair was again incident-free from a fire safety standpoint.

Inspectors also conducted similar work at the DuQuoin State Fair. There, the division staff conducted inspections and carried out numerous other special assignments. As in Springfield, the DuQuoin State Fair was incident-free from a fire safety standpoint. ■

Homeland Security Division

The Office of the State Fire Marshal continues to ensure the Division has the capability to ensure our terrorism and disaster preparedness is consistent with current trends in emergency management and that an efficient operation is available to local government.

OSFM Emergency Operations

OSFM staff is dedicated to ensure agency Homeland Security and response to the public and fire service are enabled to the best of our responsibility and capabilities.

- Homeland Security Briefings – Staff continues to participate in the monthly



Homeland Security Briefings held in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).

- OSFM and State Emergency Operations Plan – the Agency works with Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to ensure all Agency resources and experience can be provided.
- Homeland Security Notifications – Staff are in constant communication with intelligence organizations such as the Statewide Terrorism Information Center (STIC), the FBI, the US Attorney's Office, Department of Homeland Security and the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF). OSFM will notify the fire service of homeland security information from those agencies as appropriate.
- EMnet – The system will permit OSFM, IEMA and the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) to communicate to the fire service on matters related to large scale deployments and intelligence pertinent to the fire service.
- Agency Training – All field staff and identified central office staff are trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to ensure compliance to the federal NIMS standard as well as the Bloodborne Pathogens and

Hazardous Waste Standards. Fit-testing is performed on an annual basis for Emergency Escape Masks that have been provided (through a grant from the ITTF) to all field staff.

- Emergency Response
 - Radio Systems – the Agency utilizes VHF and UHF systems in order to communicate with other emergency responders. In order to insure statewide interoperability the Agency developed a Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) and has worked with IEMA in the development of the State TICP.
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) – OSFM has staff dedicated to work, at a moment's notice, in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
 - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – staff continues to attend MABAS Executive Board meetings.
- H1N1 – All staff has received information and direction of how to best prepare for and protect from the flu including the H1N1 virus.

Statewide Committee Participation

The Division continues to represent the fire marshal on the following task forces and committees:

- Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – the purpose of this statewide committee is based on ILCS 2615/10 (public safety radio interoperability) to improve public safety radio interoperability in the State of Illinois by managing all public safety radio spectrum that has been allocated to public safety agencies within the State.
- Illinois Seismic Safety Task Force (ISSTF) – OSFM served the task force and looks forward to the final report when released.
- Illinois Campus Safety Task Force (ICSTF) – The Campus Safety Task Force continues to provide direction for the State to help colleges prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.
- 2-1-1 – OSFM serves on the Department of Human Services committee and has provided contact data for the 2-1-1 centers to utilize in matters relevant to the agency.
- Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – MABAS is prepared to respond upon



the authorized direction of the state. OSFM continues to work with MABAS as a partner in the SEOC. OSFM staff also attends MABAS Executive Board meetings, conferences and served on their Communications Committee.

- Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) – staff participates on numerous committees and projects that help support the mutual goals of the fire service and the ITTF. The following summarizes those committees we participate in:

- ☐ Communications Committee
- ☐ Crises/Prevention Committee
- ☐ Public Information Committee (OSFM co-chairs with American Red Cross)
- ☐ Training Committee
- ☐ Information Technology Committee
- ☐ Bio-Terrorism Committee

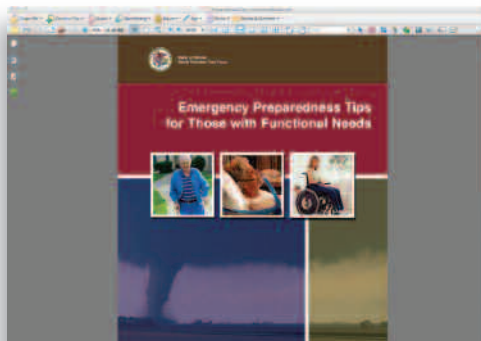
Highlights

Ready Illinois Web site (www.ready.illinois.gov) – OSFM chairs the ITTF Public Information Committee workgroup that was responsible for the development of the Web site. This site has proven to be a resource that the public can use to prepare for, as well

as utilize during and after emergencies. It continues to provide up-to-date information that is pertinent to both the public and first responders.



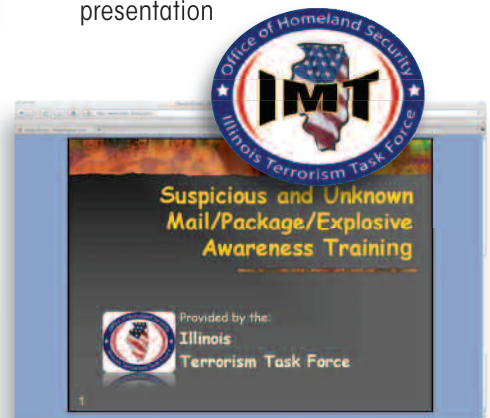
Addressing Disability Needs: *Tips for First Responders* – Part II of the Functional Needs and Emergency Preparedness initiative is the development of a document that provides 1st Responders direction of how to address the needs of the functional needs community during an emergency.



OSFM is working with the ITTF workgroup that is addressing this concern. This document will also be available in print form or as downloadable file from the Ready Illinois Web site.

Incident Management Team – OSFM has been a member of the state IMT committee and has contributed to the development of:

- A public information brochure and display
- A public information PowerPoint presentation



Suspicious Mail, Package and Explosives Awareness course – Being prepared for incidents and emergencies that involve suspicious mail, packages and explosives is a reality that the ITTF identified as a training need.



OSFM led in the development and released of the Awareness Program which included:

- Web based training program.
- A downloadable informational brochure/checklist.
- A downloadable policy template.

All are available on the Ready Illinois Web site.

This became a valuable and timely tool when last summer numerous agencies in the state complex were being exposed to threats. ■

Information Services Division

Illinois State Law (425 ILCS 25/1 et seq) requires all Illinois fire chiefs to investigate and report all fires to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The rules section of this statute requires that this reporting be in compliance with the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) standards. All fire departments are required to be in compliance with their NFIRS reporting to be eligible for any state or federal grants.

The Illinois OSFM exclusively utilizes the United States Fire Administration NFIRS reporting software and database. Illinois fire departments may enter data directly into the federal system. Fire departments may also

use third party software applications to compile and export their data. The OSFM maintains a copy of the federal database on a state server. This data warehouse is used for program management, data quality checks, and statistical reporting. The data warehouse is updated on the 5th and 20th of each month; if those days occur on a weekend or holiday, the update is done the next business day. A bimonthly statistical report is generated for all fires in Illinois for the last three years. This report will soon be available on the Agency public web page. Fire departments can check their reporting status by referring to the fire incident report generated bi-monthly.

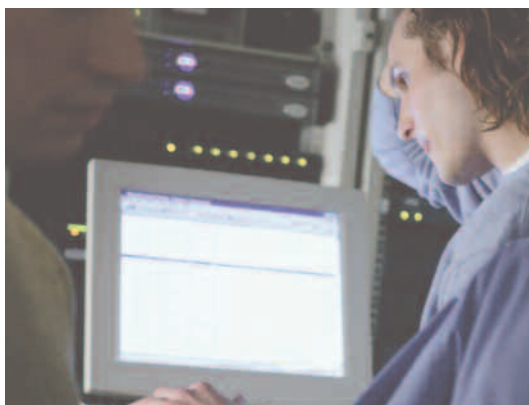
1082 fire departments received computers in the 2006-2008 training program. An average of 994 departments reported NFIRS incidents in 2008; with an average of 916 departments reporting data in 2009 (please note that many departments may not have uploaded their fourth quarter data as of the date of this report). We will be using several electronic measures to give fire departments and their chiefs more feedback on the status of their NFIRS compliance.

Highlights

The Information Services Section provides operational and technical support for all Agency computer systems, performs all network management, and support of all the Agency databases.

Our accomplishments for 2009 were:

- Development of the NFIRS Data Warehouse which streamlines the tracking of NFIRS incident reports. We also developed a number of operational and statistical reports. The data warehouse will be used to determine compliance for upcoming Agency grant reviews.
- All Agency servers have been virtualized; this project improved system availability and disaster recovery capabilities.
- Developed the Document Management RFP. The project will be implemented in 2010.
- Implemented Adobe Acrobat 9 on all agency desktops [in preparation of the Document Management Project].
- Implemented the Agency Intranet Sharepoint server.
- Implemented a number of internal network changes to be compliant with the new CMS IP configuration and improved our WAN bandwidth.
- Developed and distributed the Agency IT Policies and Procedures.
- Developed and distributed the Agency IT Disaster Plan. ■



Incident Types Reported by Year

2010 Data Represents Incidents Reported to the Date of Report.

	2007	2008	2009
Fire	53,075 6%	47,877 5%	52,951 5%
EMS	450,514 56%	500,840 58%	612,014 63%
Hazardous Materials	41,545 5%	43,423 5%	43,275 4%
Explosions (Non-Fire)	1,537 0%	1,531 0%	1,497 0%
Good Intent Call	58,683 7%	61,740 7%	61,631 6%
False Call	120,041 15%	127,414 14%	127,123 13%
Service Call	60,700 7%	67,868 7%	66,105 6%
Special Incident Type	2,805 0%	2,159 0%	3,262 0%
Weather	1,720 0%	2,662 0%	1,277 0%
Total	790,620 100%	855,514 100%	969,135 100%

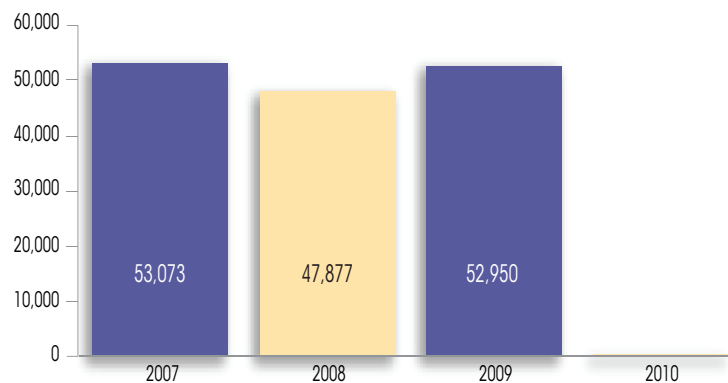
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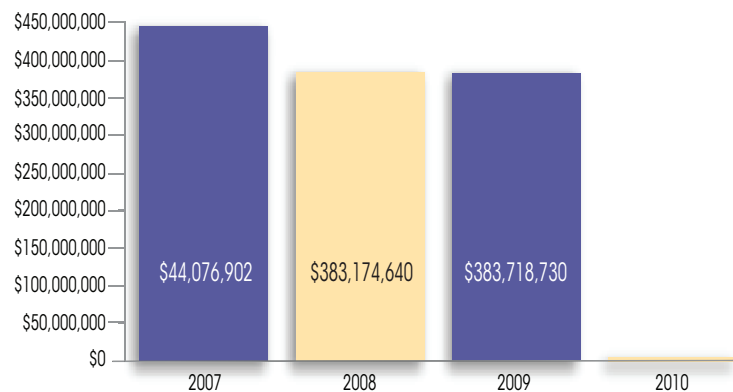
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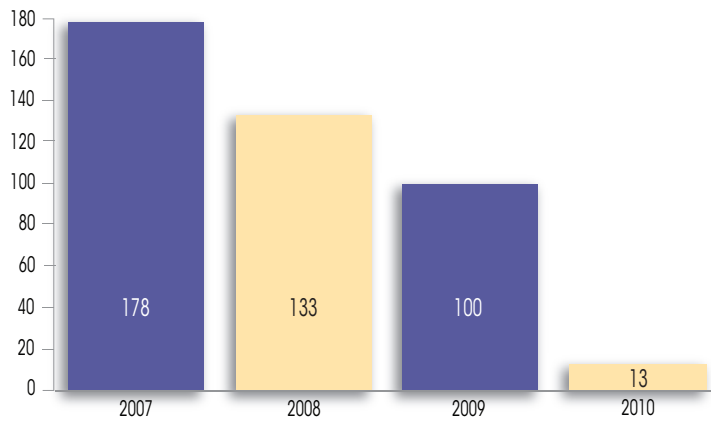


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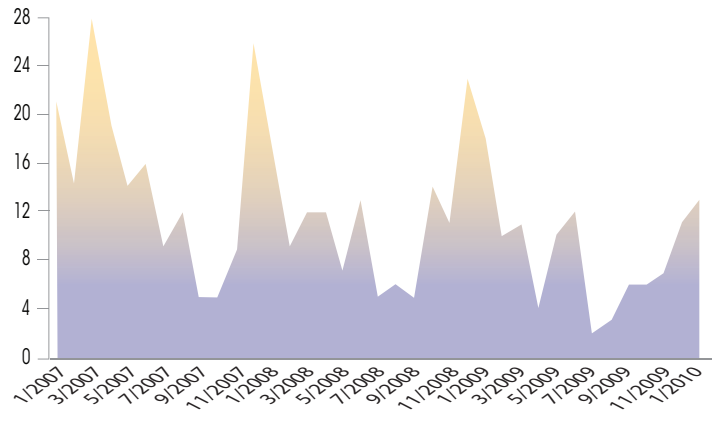
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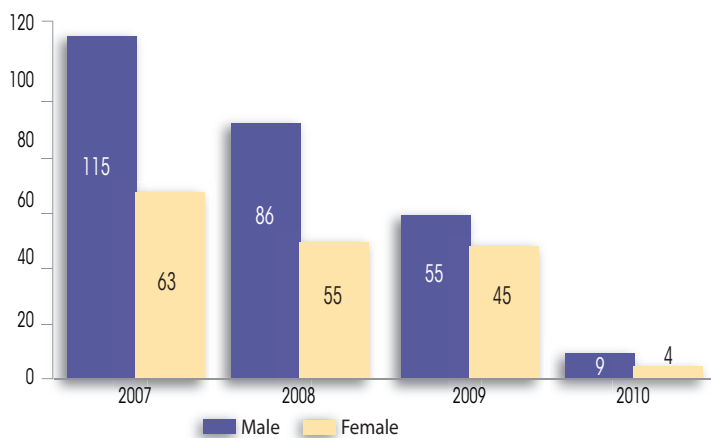
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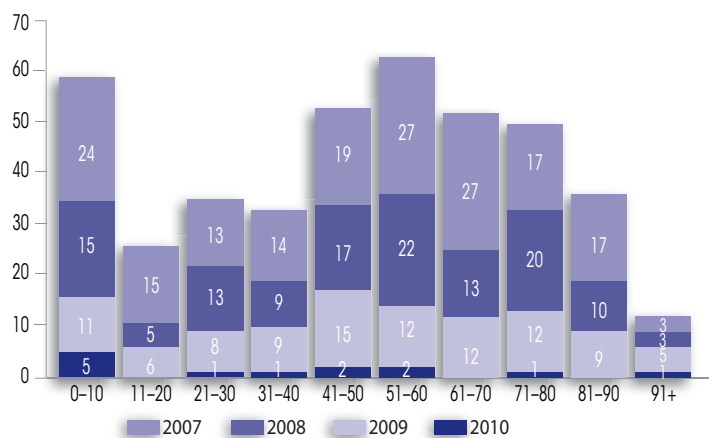
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Gender and Year Counts



Age and Year Counts



Personnel Standards and Education

The Division of Personnel Standards and Education (PS&E) is responsible for the standardization and enhancement in the levels of education and training for firefighters and professionals in Illinois with the highest priorities placed on safety and career advancement. The Division operates under the mandate of the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50ILCS 740/1 et. Seq.], which provides for the promotion of standards to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The Division continues to update certification programs to comply with current National Fire Protection Association Standards by utilizing ad hoc committees. The designated ad hoc committees consist of members from applicable Illinois fire service associations and knowledgeable and experienced individuals that develop the certification programs to assure compliance with the national standards and applicability to the needs of the fire service.

During 2009, the Division of Personnel Standards and Education dispersed \$950,000 to local fire departments and fire protection districts for costs related to training. The Division processed 3,048 claims

for a total of 228,795 hours of training to 127 departments.

The Division also processed 11,020 certifications, 15,841 requests for examinations and administered approximately 13,389 written examinations to Illinois firefighters in forty-four levels of certification throughout the State. ■

Petroleum and Chemical Safety

The Division of Petroleum and Chemical Safety (DPCS) regulates underground storage tanks (USTs) containing petroleum and hazardous substances to protect public health and safety. The Division works under a comprehensive program combining new and existing federal and state rules and legislation to handle tank management, emergency response and financial responsibility requirements. The mission of the DPCS is...to protect against threats to human safety and contamination of the environment that can occur by the underground storage of petroleum products and other hazardous substances through prevention, education and enforcement.

Highlights

- Reviewed and processed 296 eligibility and deductibility applications.

- Storage Tank Safety Specialists performed 3,013 initial facility certification audits performed.
- Division personnel managed more than 13,815 phone inquiries.
- The Division processed 2,368 Freedom of Information Act requests.

Under the supervision of the DPCS, the Chicago Fire Department and Environmental Department conducted 324 permitted underground storage tank inspections and responded to 6 emergencies. The Chicago Environmental Department issued 268 permits for tank installations, removals, upgrades/repairs, relines and abandonments-in-place. Chicago also responded to 59 field investigations and conducted 295 initial certification audits.

Experiences

At the end of calendar year 2009, the Division maintained registration on a total of 21,866 active petroleum and hazardous substance tanks. The Division also maintains more than 40,000 facility files regarding USTs in Illinois. During the year, DPCS conducted 6,661 UST inspections. These inspections include permitted activity, multiple certification audit and re-inspection of Notice of Violation (NOV) issues. The Division conducted 561 field



investigations, issued 1,810 NOVs and responded to 28 emergency responses, while personnel processed 9,193 multiple forms. As the result of the Timely Compliance Opportunity program initiated in 2001, the Division Red Tagged more than 651 tanks in 2009. The Red Tags were applied to USTs that did not meet the legal requirements. Red Tagging prohibits the deposit of product into the UST until all deficiencies are corrected. Approximately May of 2006, the Division acquired inspection responsibilities for self-service (SS) and unattended self-service (USS) facilities. The Division inspected 3,058 facilities and issued 1,116 NOVs. ■

Public Education Division

Illinois Fire Museum

The Illinois Fire Museum, open to the public since 1994, is located in a fire station that was built in 1938 for use by the Illinois State Fair Fire Department. The Museum, located at the old firehouse at Main and Central Avenues on the state fairgrounds in Springfield is open to the public by appointment. It houses an authentic 1857 horse drawn hand pumper, complete with water buckets. It is home to one of the nation's largest fire department patch collections; this exhibit includes

patches from throughout Illinois, the United States, and some foreign countries. Additionally, authentic fire scene photos, fire helmets, antique and contemporary uniforms, call boxes, nozzles, and fire extinguishers each have their own story to tell as they decorate the walls and exhibits of the Museum.

Children can test their fire safety knowledge in the children's interactive, educational, computer room. Here, children learn about hazards in the home, fire safety behaviors and tips on how to react if a fire occurs.

In 2009, the museum was host to over 2000 visitors, most of which visited during their trips to the state fair in August.

Remembering When™

Remembering When™ is a fire and fall prevention program for older adults that teaches protection from fires and falls through trivia quizzes, humor, and nostalgic interactive games. In fiscal year 2009, Remembering When™ continued to expand throughout the State. In addition to the new communities, the Division had a Remembering When™ Conference to educate the communities on all aspects of the program such as funding during these tough economic times, training surrounding communities, and being a part of the recruiting process. The State of Illinois, as well as the nation as a whole, has brought issues regarding our senior citizens to the fore-

front, and the Remembering When™ program plays an integral part of that process. Our intent is to work with the fire service to keep our older adults living independently in their own homes for as long as possible, thereby saving considerable tax dollars.

Risk Watch™

Risk Watch™ is a comprehensive educational program that gives children and their families the information and support they need to make positive, health-promoting choices about their personal safety and well-being. The Illinois Risk Watch Champion Management Team (CMT) is coordinated by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The OSFM has assigned a staff member to act as the Illinois Risk Watch Coordinator.

- The annual Illinois Risk Watch conference was held in Springfield in June at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center. During this annual conference, the Risk Watch communities gathered for a day and a half of idea sharing, key note speakers, new Risk Watch initiatives, and progress of the program through NFPA. A total of 65 Risk Watch participants attended the conference.
- Two new Risk Watch community training sessions were held and several Risk Watch teacher trainings were conducted throughout the State in various Risk Watch communities.



- The Illinois Risk Watch Coordinator attended three new and existing Risk Watch community teacher trainings throughout the year.
- Several conferences were attended by the Illinois Risk Watch Coordinator to promote the Risk Watch program and gain new communities.
- A Risk Watch expert training was conducted in Urbana, IL in November in order for communities to better prepare for in-school experiences. Over 40 Risk Watch participants attended this training.
- Illinois Risk Watch Statistics:
 - The Risk Watch program gained three new communities in 2009.
 - Two new Risk Watch community trainings sessions were held.
 - Over 40 Risk Watch teacher trainings were held by communities.
 - Over 20 promotional events were attended by the Illinois Risk Watch State Coordinator and CMT, including conferences and speaking events.

Look Up!

Look Up! is a campaign designed for college students living in both off-campus and on-campus housing. The main statement

which this campaign makes is to remind students to make sure they have a working smoke detector. The OSFM has teamed up with Kathleen Moritz in implementing this campaign and an OSFM employee has been assigned to this effort.

- Over 200 colleges, universities, and high schools around the State have received Look Up! posters to display around their campuses and housing units.
- During College Fire Safety Month (September) the Look Up coordinator, along with other OSFM employees and Kathleen Moritz held a two day Look Up! coordinated effort at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale which included canvassing of neighborhoods, a media junket, and smoke alarm giveaway to needy students.

16th Annual Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial, Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony

Firefighters from across the state gathered in Springfield to remember six firefighters who died in service and honor 40 other firefighters for their outstanding bravery and service to their communities during the 16th Annual Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial

and Firefighting Medal of Honor Ceremony. The Medal of Honor award, the highest award given to firefighters by the state of Illinois, was presented to two firefighters who were selected for their acts of outstanding bravery or heroism, by which they demonstrated selflessness and personal courage above and beyond the call of duty, under adverse conditions, with the possibility of extreme personal risk.

Six firefighters who died in, or as a result of, the performance of duty, were posthumously honored during the ceremonies as their families were presented with the Duty Death Gold Badge by the State Fire Marshal. Certificate of Recognition awards were given to six firefighters acknowledging their dedication to the principles and traditions of the fire service. Twenty-six firefighters received the Firefighter Excellence Award for an act of service in the line of duty, demonstrating excellence and professionalism in service to the citizens of the State of Illinois. In addition, six firefighters were recognized for acts of heroism or bravery that clearly demonstrated courage and dedication in the face of danger; they were awarded the Medal of Valor.

The awards presented recognized heroic actions during 2007 and 2008. Nominations were reviewed and winners selected by the ten-member Illinois Firefighting Medal of Honor Committee.



Fire Equipment Exchange Program

This program began in October, 2003, to help connect surplus fire equipment with Illinois fire departments in need. Since its inception, over 250 departments have listed equipment on the Exchange and more than 12,000 pieces of equipment have been donated to more than 175 departments. During 2009, the Fire Equipment Exchange Program was expanded to allow fire departments the opportunity to list equipment on the exchange for donation, for sale, or for trade. Fire departments were also allowed to list equipment that they needed.

Through the expansion of the program, 20 fire departments have listed equipment that is needed and 118 items were listed on the exchange including: 16 fire trucks, 45 self-contained breathing apparatus, and numerous other pieces of fire equipment with a total value in excess of \$5 million dollars if the equipment was purchased. ■

Technical Services Division

The Technical Services Division of the Office of the State Fire Marshal serves to support other operating divisions within the agency (primarily the divisions of Petroleum and

Chemical Safety and Fire Prevention) as well as the fire service and general public with technical and engineering expertise in the form of plan and application review for regulated occupancies and installations. Technical Services also provides expert advice in the Agency's rulemaking processes for a variety of subjects including: underground and aboveground tank storage regulation, LP-gas regulation, service station operation, Life Safety Code application, and myriad other fire prevention and petroleum and chemical safety related issues.

This Division is managed by an Illinois registered professional fire protection engineer (P.E.) and staffed by a variety of personnel including engineers, engineering technicians and fire protection specialists. Personnel in this Division conduct plan reviews, assist with interpretations of applicable codes, assist operating divisions with instruction of field personnel at training sessions and perform special functions for the agency including representation on state and national code committees and task forces, as well as making presentations to the public and the regu-

Statistics

During calendar year 2009, Technical Services performed the following work:

Underground Storage Tank Plan and Application Reviews	1683
Aboveground Flammable Liquid Storage Tank Plan and Application Reviews	474
LP-Gas Tank Plan and Application Reviews	98
Service Station Plan and Application Reviews	54
Building Construction, Fire Suppression System and Fire Alarm System Plans	232
Training Contact Hours Provided to OSFM and Local Fire Service Personnel	137
Local Fire Service Personnel Trained on Public School Inspection Procedures	55

Possibly most indicative of the work of the Technical Services Division was the handling of telephone, e-mail and written inquiries from occupancy owners, local enforcement agencies, contractors, architects, and engineers relative to applicable rules, interpretation of codes, and explanation of OSFM policies and procedures. In 2009 the Division handled over 11,000 of these inquiries. ■



lated community relative to technical issues. The work of the Technical Services Division is conducted from both the Chicago and Springfield office locations.

Specific work includes:

- 1) Review of plans and applications submitted for installation or modification of:
 - Underground Storage Tanks
 - Aboveground Storage Tanks
 - Self-Service and Unattended Self-Service Stations
 - LP-Gas Tanks
- 2) Review of architectural and engineering drawings of new construction, renovations and additions for compliance with state codes. This includes submittals relative to:
 - Life Safety Code compliance
 - Fire Alarm System installation or modification
 - Fire Sprinkler System installation or modification
 - Commercial Kitchen and other Specialized Suppression System installation or modification
- 3) Analysis of Fire Safety Evaluation Systems (FSES) and performance-based

designs (PBD) both of which offer owners objective methods for proving equivalent life safety in nonconforming structures.

- 4) Analysis of submitted "Fire Plans" for Illinois' correctional facilities.
- 5) Preparation and delivery of training programs and materials for the Agency's field inspection workforce to familiarize them with applicable codes and changing technologies in an effort to ensure consistency in code enforcement across the State.
- 6) Preparation and delivery of training programs for local fire service personnel relative to public school fire safety inspections as mandated by State statute.
- 7) Assisting operating divisions with the development of administrative rules, information reports and/or web page content to clarify technical and code requirements. This includes development of technical content for "Frequently Asked Questions" documents posted on the Agency's website.
- 8) Representing the Agency on state and national task forces and code development committees relative to fire prevention and petroleum and chemical safety issues. This includes representation on

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and International Code Council (ICC) committees.

- 9) Providing expert testimony at appeal hearings and court cases.



Technical Services personnel review plans for compliance with the State's Life Safety Code as well as rules applicable to aboveground, underground and LP-Gas tank installation



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	FY08 Appropriation	FY08 Expenditures	FY09 Appropriation	FY09 Expenditures
STATE FUNDS				
FIRE PREVENTION FUND (0047)				
Personal Services	8,234,300	7,602,446	8,781,522	7,634,304
Retirement	1,366,900	1,257,522	1,562,800	1,562,401
Retirement - Continuing Appropriation	0	0	103,200	48,820
Social Security	576,600	454,742	614,707	457,599
Group Insurance	1,999,100	1,538,814	2,043,600	1,529,487
Subtotal - Personal Services and Related	12,176,900	10,853,524	13,105,829	11,232,612
Contractual	1,030,000	827,013	1,005,527	992,067
Travel	129,700	127,832	142,000	139,497
Commodities	91,000	81,371	87,100	67,051
Printing	63,400	32,154	42,500	17,913
Equipment	430,000	187,764	348,000	44,354
Equipment - Reappropriation	342,346	0	342,346	0
Electronic Data Processing	1,243,000	1,115,492	1,201,000	992,186
Telecommunications	198,500	182,498	190,100	187,527
Operation of Automotive Equipment	309,000	308,979	307,700	225,394
Subtotal - Other Operations	3,836,946	2,863,105	3,666,273	2,665,989
Refunds	4,000	4,000	6,000	5,904
Total - Agency Administration	16,017,846	13,720,628	16,778,102	13,904,505
Fire Prevention Training	69,000	68,980	66,000	32,800
Fire Prevention Awareness	80,000	79,975	80,000	49,249
Arson Education / Seminars	42,000	39,723	42,000	15,246
New Fire Chiefs Training	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000
Hearing Officers	25,000	25,000	25,000	24,278
Life Safety Code Program	20,000	20,000	20,000	17,885
Risk Watch/Remember When	40,000	33,746	40,000	18,638
Elevator Safety / Regulation Administration	1,000,000	663,266	450,000	446,775
Development of Local Government Fire Prevention	1,000,000	1,000,000	498,500	498,500
National Fire Incident Reporting System Information Technology Enhancement Project	714,200	590,720	675,000	2,233
Regional Training Grants	500,000	500,000	475,000	475,000
Arson Fine Pass-Through to Local Fire Departments	25,000	2,968	15,000	2,700
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Chicago Fire Department Training Program	1,950,300	1,950,300	1,950,300	1,950,300
Development of New Fire Districts	1,000	0	1,000	500
Local Government Training Reimbursement	1,000,000	1,000,000	950,000	950,000
Total - Lump Sums and Grants	6,635,500	6,143,678	5,456,800	4,653,104
Shared Services	627,900	618,622	780,900	596,198
TOTAL - FIRE PREVENTION FUND (0047)	23,281,246	20,482,928	23,015,802	19,153,807

	FY08 Appropriation	FY08 Expenditures	FY09 Appropriation	FY09 Expenditures
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUND (0072)				
Personal Services	1,654,400	1,464,169	1,676,863	1,392,322
Retirement	274,600	242,639	298,500	293,242
Social Security	111,000	109,304	111,000	103,570
Group Insurance	414,600	325,493	414,600	290,945
Subtotal - Personal Services and Related	2,454,600	2,141,605	2,500,963	2,080,079
Contractual	270,900	270,900	268,900	258,048
Travel	25,000	13,592	12,000	11,966
Commodities	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,938
Printing	6,000	3,622	5,000	630
Equipment	161,500	18,168	61,500	31,719
Electronic Data Processing	115,000	106,414	53,000	41
Telecommunications	47,000	33,971	40,000	25,317
Operation of Automotive Equipment	60,000	60,000	80,000	77,965
Subtotal - Other Operations	693,400	514,666	528,400	413,624
Refunds	10,000	10,000	4,000	3,950
Total - Agency Administration	3,158,000	2,666,271	3,033,363	2,497,652
Chicago Underground Storage Program	550,000	550,000	522,500	522,500
Hearing Officers	75,000	75,000	75,000	72,115
Total - Lump Sums and Grants	625,000	625,000	597,500	594,615
TOTAL - UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUND (0072)	3,783,000	3,291,271	3,630,863	3,092,267
ILLINOIS FIRE FIGHTERS' MEMORIAL FUND (0510)				
Fire Fighters' Memorial	185,000	95,892	185,000	184,526
Total - Lump Sums and Grants	185,000	95,892	185,000	184,526
TOTAL - ILLINOIS FIRE FIGHTERS' MEMORIAL FUND (0510)	185,000	95,892	185,000	184,526
EMERGENCY RESPONSE REIMBURSEMENT FUND (0114)				
Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Reimbursement	5,000	0	5,000	0
Total - Lump Sums and Grants	5,000	0	5,000	0
TOTAL - EMERGENCY RESPONSE REIMBURSEMENT FUND (0114)	5,000	0	5,000	0

	FY08 Appropriation	FY08 Expenditures	FY09 Appropriation	FY09 Expenditures
CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY STANDARD ACT FUND (0494)				
Cigarette Fire Safety	0	0	5,000	0
Total - Lump Sums and Grants	0	0	5,000	0
TOTAL - CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY STANDARD ACT FUND (0494)	0	0	5,000	0
FIRE SERVICE AND SMALL EQUIPMENT FUND (0518)				
Small Equipment Grants	0	0	0	0
Total - Lump Sums and Grants	0	0	0	0
TOTAL - FIRE SERVICE AND SMALL EQUIPMENT FUND (0518)	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS				
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION FUND (0580)				
Federal Underground Storage Tank Program	257,700	257,700	400,000	400,000
Total - Lump Sums and Grants	257,700	257,700	400,000	400,000
TOTAL - FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION FUND (0580)	257,700	257,700	400,000	400,000
TOTAL - OTHER STATE FUNDS	27,254,246	23,870,091	26,841,665	22,430,600
TOTAL - FEDERAL FUNDS	257,700	257,700	400,000	400,000
GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	27,511,946	24,127,791	27,241,665	22,830,600

Small Equipment Grant Program

The Small Equipment Grant Program provides grants up to \$26,000 for the purchase of small equipment by a fire department, fire protection district or township fire department. In 2009, a total of nearly \$500,000 in grant money was awarded to 25 fire departments in the State of Illinois. ■

Legislation

Bills passed during the 96th General Assembly (1st year legislation) for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

HB77 (Cole/Althoff – Flag Display – Firefighter Death); Public Act 96-0436. Amends the Flag Display Act. Requires that the U.S. national and Illinois State flags be displayed at half-staff when an Illinois firefighter is killed in the line of duty. Effective immediately.

HB666 (Smith/Koehler – Fire Protection Non-Resident); Public Act 96-0370. Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that fees charged to persons and entities that are not residents of the fire protection district for the cost of providing services shall not exceed \$250 per vehicle

(previously \$125) and shall not exceed \$70 per hour per firefighter (previously \$35 per hour per firefighter). Effective immediately.

HB667 – (Chapa LaVia/Holmes – Fire Protection District Boards); Public Act 96-0172. Amends the Fire Protection District Act; allows 3-member elected fire protection district trustee boards to pass an ordinance increasing their size to 5; allows for the reduction back to 3 if desired. Effective immediately.

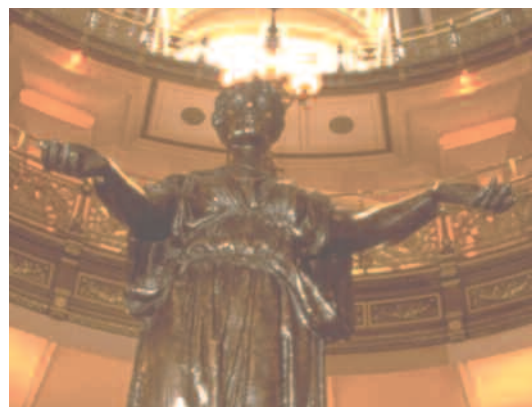
HB1307 (Moffitt/Risinger – Fire Marshal Ambulance Grant); Public Act 96-0386. Amends the State Fire Marshal Act; requires that Small Firefighting Equipment Grant program is renamed the "Small Firefighting and Ambulance Service Equipment Program". The program is expanded to also include ambulance equipment such as defibrillators, communications equipment, pagers, radios and other life saving equipment. In addition to fire departments and fire protection districts, the program is now eligible to volunteer, not-for-profit, stand-alone ambulance services. Effective immediately.

HB 2592 (Moffitt/Risinger – Serious Traffic Violation Fees); Public Act 96-0286. Amends Fire Investigation Act, the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Clerks of Courts Act, and the

Unified Code of Corrections. Corrects a discrepancy prohibiting Circuit Court Clerks from collecting a fee on serious traffic violations. This fee directly benefits revolving loan and equipment programs provided by the State Fire Marshal. The bill also extends the fee to include court supervisions and DUI related convictions. The bill further dedicates 25% of any future surplus available in the Fire Prevention Fund to the loan and grant programs. Effective immediately.

HB2669 (Pritchard/Risinger – Emergency Service Reimbursement); Public Act 96-0400. Creates the Emergency Services Response Reimbursement for Criminal Convictions Act. This bill requires that any person convicted of an arson related offense is now responsible for reimbursing the local emergency response agencies and the State Fire Marshal for the costs associated with their response. The bill also redirects an existing arson fine to support grant and loan programs administered through the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Effective immediately.

HB3925 (Coulsen/Trotter – Abandon Newborn Infant); Public Act 96-0345. Amends the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. Provides that "fire station" means a fire station with at least one staff person (instead of that is staffed with at least one full-time



emergency medical professional). Provides that "newborn infant" means a child who a licensed physician reasonably believes is 30 (instead of 7) days old or less, and makes the same change in connection with the definition of "relinquish". Effective January 1st, 2010.

SB149 (Harmon/Pihos – Elevator Safety Administrator); Public Act 96-0054. Amends the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act. This bill makes a variety of changes to the existing elevator safety program overseen by the OSFM. It seeks to provide municipalities with more flexibility and control in the operation of a local elevator safety program while also addressing some aspects of compliance and enforcement. It further refines the role of the existing Elevator Safety Board and adds members to the Board. Effective immediately.

SB1267 (Kotowski/Burke – Pyrotechnic Licensing); Public Act 96-0708. Amends the Pyrotechnic Distributor and Operator Licensing Act and Fireworks Use Act: This bill makes changes regarding pyrotechnic licensing, including the establishment of a new licensing class for production companies, added clarification with regard to terminology, clarification regarding nationally recognized standards, and clarification

regarding general liability insurance requirements. The bill also creates a task force to examine licensing requirements with regard to the music entertainment industry. Effective immediately.

SB1353 (Viverito/Moffitt – Fire Training Retired Firefighter); Public Act 96-0215. Amends the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act; allows firefighters that are retired from active duty yet still affiliated with fire service training, mutual aid, incident command, fire ground operations, or staff support for "public" fire service organizations to receive training certification.

SB 1722 (Crotty/Holbrook – Special Purpose Elevators) ; Public Act 96-0342. Amends the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act. Provides for the exemption of special purpose personnel elevators as defined in ASME 17.1. Effective immediately.

SB2057 (Maloney/Mathias – Special Needs Alert); Public Act 96-0788. Creates the Premise Alert Program Act; establishes a database through local 9-1-1 dispatch centers for individuals with special needs or disabilities. This database will be used to assist public safety services in responding to those individuals. Effective immediately. ■

Advisory Boards and Commissions

Illinois Fire Advisory Commission

The Illinois Fire Advisory Commission provides the State Fire Marshal a forum for advice, counsel and assistance on matters related to the fire services in Illinois (20ILCS 2905/3).

Firefighting Medal of Honor Committee

This Committee, formed in 1993 by PA 86-1230, places emphasis and priority on the consideration of firefighters who have been killed or seriously injured in the line of duty and those who have displayed exceptional bravery or heroism while performing their duties as a firefighter.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Reimbursement Panel

This Panel (created under 430 ILCS 55/) assists emergency response organizations in receiving reimbursement of hazardous materials mitigation costs when the spiller is unknown or unable to pay in a timely manner.



Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules

The Board helps govern the use and operation of boilers and pressure vessels in Illinois. It formulates and reviews the State's definitions, rules and regulations for the safe and proper construction, installation, repair, use, and operation of boiler and pressure vessels.

Personnel Standards and Education Ad Hoc Committees

A variety of committees counsel the OSFM on training programs and procedures, courses, and other matters relating to the

Illinois Fire Protection Training Act with the duties and areas designated. The OSFM's training program ad hoc committees provide input from professionals in the fire service and contain sub-committees.

Fire Equipment Distributor Advisory Board

This Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The Board is made up of a variety of members with an array of expertise and knowledge in their industry. They work with the Agency in proposing rule amendments, providing guidance and consultation as it regards the

industry and make suggestions for improving standards in licensing. (225 ILCS 216).

Elevator Safety Review Board

The Elevator Safety Review Board was created by Public Act 92-0873 to adopt rules consistent with the provisions of the Act and for the administration and enforcement of the Act. The Board has the authority to grant exceptions and variances, hear appeals, hold hearings, establish fee schedules, and authorized contractor, mechanic, and inspector licenses. ■





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